

## California Department of Fish and Game Game Bird Heritage Program 2009 Apprentice Pheasant Hunts for Mobility-Impaired Hunters Application and Information

The Game Bird Heritage Program provides educational hunts with pen raised pheasants that provide beginning hunters with a controlled, educational and safe environment to learn hunting skills and further develop hunter safety and a sense of hunter ethics and wildlife management. Events include gun safety review, easy to hunt topography, a high ratio of volunteers to hunters, experienced dog handlers and clay shooting among other educational activities.

To apply, fill out the application below and submit to the address below. Applications must be received by 5:00 PM on the hunt deadline. Hunters may also apply online at: <a href="http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/uplandgame/gamebird">http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/uplandgame/gamebird</a>

The Drawing Priority Stamp is given to every hunter upon successful completion of the hunter education course. Applicants with Drawing Priority Stamps who apply by the deadline will be automatically placed in a hunt before the random drawing takes place.

If you recently completed a Hunter Education course and you were **not awarded a Priority Stamp**, you may use your Hunter Education Certificate in place of the stamp. Simply enter the last five digits of your certificate number.

For example, exclude the "AB" and enter: 38610



<u>Chowchilla, Madera Co.</u> - This hunt will be held on December 5, 2009, from 11:00 a.m. until sunset near the town of Chowchilla on private property and can accommodate 25 hunters with impairments which restrict their mobility to the use of a wheelchair. Hunting will take place in a flat alfalfa field and trained pointing dogs will be used to locate the birds for the hunter. Volunteers will be on hand to push the wheelchair hunters through the field if desired. Male ring-necked pheasants will be released prior to the hunt. Successful applicants (except junior license holders) must pay a \$16.50 entry fee-to be collected at hunt (fee is waived by landowner). For additional information regarding these hunts, contact the Department of Fish and Game, Wildlife Management section, at (559) 243-4005 ext. 133.

<u>Feather River WA, Nelson Slough Unit, Sutter Co.</u> - JUNIORS ONLY. This opportunity is a part of a larger Apprentice hunt which includes opportunities for junior and women hunters. Those juniors with impairments which affect mobility may apply on this application. Please call (916) 358-2839 to discuss your hunt needs. Hunts take place under the Hwy 99 Bridge, near Nicolaus, about 25 miles north of Sacramento and 20 miles south of Yuba City. Four hunts are scheduled for Sat. Oct. 24, Sun. Oct. 25. These hunts can accommodate 100 hunters per day, 50 in the morning and 50 in the afternoon. For additional information regarding these hunts, contact the Department of Fish and Game at (530)892-8470.

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Please print clearly and complete each section. <u>Incomplete applications will be rejected.</u> All applicants must have a valid 2009-2010 California hunting license number on the application to be accepted. You may apply as a party of up to three, as long as all hunter names and hunting license numbers appear. Non-hunters need not be declared on the application. Deadline to apply depends upon the individual hunt so be sure to know your hunt deadline(s). **Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the date of the hunt deadline.** All random drawings will take place immediately following the hunt deadline. Successful applicants will be notified by mail approximately one week after the drawing.

Party Leader:						
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To make your hunt selections please check the boxes for which you would like to apply. Be prepared to attend any of the hunts for which you are applying. Junior hunters must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult 18 years or older.

Deadline to apply is 10/24/2009							
Feather River WA, Nelson Slough Hunt	October 24 AM	October 24 PM					
	October 25 AM	October 25 PM					
Deadline to apply is 11/18/2009							
Chowchilla Hunt	December 5						